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Eliminating the use of rape and other forms of sexual violence as instruments to achieve political or military objectives

1. Change the title to read:

> Eliminating rape and other forms of sexual violence in all its forms and manifestations

2. Change the third preambular paragraph to read:

> *Recalling* all previous General Assembly resolutions on violence against women and violence against children, including General Assembly resolution 61/143 of 19 December 2006 on the intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women, and other relevant resolutions, including Security Council resolutions 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000 on women and peace and security, 1612 (2005) of 26 July 2005 on children affected by armed conflict and 1674 (2006) of 28 April 2006 on the protection of civilians in armed conflict, Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/41 of 19 April 2005 on the elimination of violence against women and Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights resolution 2001/20 of 16 August 2001 on systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices,

3. In the sixth preambular paragraph, insert the words "United Nations inter-agency" before the word "initiative", to read:

> *Welcoming* the United Nations inter-agency initiative "Stop Rape Now: United Nations Action against Sexual Violence in Conflict,

4. In the tenth preambular paragraph, replace the words "and that they are increasingly targeted as such by combatants and other armed elements, and recognizing the consequent impact this has on durable peace and reconciliation", with the words "and increasingly are targeted by combatants and armed elements,

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and recognizing the consequent impact this has on durable peace and reconciliation," to read:

Expressing concern that civilians, particularly women and children, account for the vast majority of those adversely affected by armed conflict, including as refugees and internally displaced persons, and increasingly are targeted by combatants and armed elements, and recognizing the consequent impact this has on durable peace and reconciliation,

5. In the eleventh preambular paragraph, delete the words "to achieve military objectives" after the words "sexual violence", to read:

Recognizing that rape and other forms of sexual violence are grave breaches of international humanitarian law,

6. Revise the thirteenth preambular paragraph to read:

Stressing that States have the obligation to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and must exercise due diligence to prevent, investigate and punish the perpetrators of violence against women and girls and to provide protection to the victims, and that failure to do so violates and impairs or nullifies the enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms,

7. Revise the fourteenth preambular paragraph to read:

Strongly condemning all acts of violence against women and girls, whether these acts are perpetrated by the State, by private persons or by non-State actors, calling for the elimination of all forms of gender-based violence in the family, within the general community and where perpetrated or condoned by the State, and stressing the need to treat all forms of violence against women and girls as a criminal offence, punishable by law,

8. Revise the fifteenth preambular paragraph to read:

Stressing that rape or other forms of sexual violence must not be used or condoned in any circumstance by any individual, State or non-State actor,

9. Revise the sixteenth preambular paragraph to read:

Recognizing that rape or any other form of sexual violence is unlawful in the course of an international or non-international armed conflict, regardless of the sex or age of the victim,

10. Revise the seventeenth preambular paragraph to read:

Deeply concerned that rape and other forms of sexual violence are typically committed against women and girls and that they are frequently committed in situations of conflict, including in detention and jails, and calculated to humiliate, dominate, instil fear in, disperse and/or forcibly relocate members of such groups, including, but not limited to, the victims and their families,

11. Delete the eighteenth preambular paragraph.

12. Delete the nineteenth preambular paragraph.

13. Revise the twentieth preambular paragraph to read:

Determined to bring an end to rape and other forms of sexual violence in all its forms and manifestations,

14. Revise operative paragraph 1 (b) to read:

(b) End impunity by ensuring that all rape victims, particularly women and girls, have equal protection under the law and equal access to justice and by investigating, prosecuting and punishing all those responsible for rape and other forms of sexual violence;

15. In operative paragraph 1 (c), insert the word "all" before the word "victims", to read:

(c) Provide all victims with access to appropriate health care, including sexual and reproductive health care, psychological care and trauma counselling, as well as to rehabilitation, social integration and all other necessary remedies;

16. In operative paragraph 1 (d), delete the words ", in particular when the perpetrators are members of government or government-supported forces or operating under the effective control or with the expressed or tacit approval of the government," after the words "prosecution of rape," to read:

(d) Develop and implement at all levels, as required, a comprehensive and integrated strategy of prevention and prosecution of rape and to ensure that such a strategy includes the training of, inter alia, all relevant government and military personnel, in particular military commanders, law enforcement officials, judicial system personnel, health workers, teachers and social workers, as well as community leaders and the news media, in all appropriate aspects of the prevention and prosecution of rape and other forms of sexual violence and of protection and support for victims of such violence;

17. In operative paragraph 1 (f), replace the words "the prevention and elimination of all forms" with the words "preventing and eliminating all forms", to read:

(f) Increase significantly their voluntary financial support for activities related to preventing and eliminating all forms of violence against women, the empowerment of women and gender equality carried out by the specialized agencies and the United Nations funds and programmes, including the United Nations Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women;

18. Revise operative paragraph 2 (b) to read:

(b) Integrate fully the needs of all victims of rape and sexual violence into United Nations humanitarian assistance programmes;

19. Insert a new operative paragraph, 2 (c), to read as follows:

(c) Assign adequate resources within the United Nations system to those bodies, specialized agencies, funds and programmes responsible for the promotion of gender equality and women's rights and to efforts throughout the United Nations system to eliminate violence against women and girls;

20. At the end of operative paragraph 3 (a), delete the words "in particular when they are used as instruments to achieve political or military objectives", to read:

(a) Conduct public education and awareness campaigns at the national and grass-roots levels in order to raise awareness about the causes and consequences of rape and other forms of sexual violence;

21. Revise operative paragraph 3 (c) to read:

(c) Support programmes to eliminate rape and other forms of sexual violence in all its forms and manifestations;

22. In operative paragraph 4 (a), delete the words "as instruments to achieve political or military objectives," after the words "sexual violence".

23. Revise operative paragraph 5 to read:

Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.